

# Governor's Scholarship Program

## Overview

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# Student Eligibility

## ❖ To Receive a Need-Based Grant, a Student Must:

- Be a CT resident
- Attend a CT public 2- or 4-year college, or private, not-for-profit college
- File a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
- Have an EFC within the acceptable range for the school type he/she will attend
- Be in an undergraduate program of study, leading to his/her first associate or bachelor degree
- Attend on a full-time basis

## ❖ To Receive a Merit Scholarship, a Student Must:

- Meet requirements 1 through 6 above, and:
  - Submit a completed Merit Scholarship application
  - Be in the top 20th percentile of his/her junior year high school class
  - Have a minimum SAT score of 1800 or a minimum ACT score of 27
- Note: A student may receive either a need-based grant or a merit scholarship, but not both.

# Community College Formula

## For determining individual student awards (applies also to Charter Oak State College)

- Community colleges distributed 80% of their 2011-2012 CAPCS funds to students with federal Expected Family Contributions (EFC) between \$0 and \$7,999. Therefore, this is the EFC range for student eligibility for the Governor's Scholarship.
- The formula for distributing awards to individual students will be total tuition and fees charged to the student minus any Pell Grant eligibility. The net result, if a positive number, will be given in aid up to \$3,000.

- Example:

Tuition + Fees = \$3,490	Tuition + Fees = \$3,490
Pell Grant = \$5,550	Pell Grant = \$1,800
Difference = (\$2,060)	Difference = \$1,690
Grant Award = \$0	Grant Award = \$1,690

- Non-Pell eligible students will receive awards based on this matrix:

<u>EFC Range</u>	<u>Award Amount</u>
\$5,274-\$5,499	\$3,000
\$5,500-\$5,999	\$2,500
\$6,000-\$6,499	\$2,000
\$6,500-\$6,999	\$1,500
\$7,000-\$7,499	\$1,000
\$7,500-\$7,999	\$ 500

# 4-Year Institution Formula

## For determining individual student awards

- 4-year institutions distributed 80% of their 2011-2012 CICSG and CAPCS funds to students with federal Expected Family Contributions (EFC) between \$0 and \$10,999. Therefore, this is the EFC range for student eligibility for the Governor's Scholarship.
- The formula for determining awards for individual students will be based on this matrix:

<u>EFC Range</u>	<u>Award Amount</u>
\$0.00-\$6,999	\$ 3,000
\$7,000-\$8,999	\$ 2,500
\$9,000-\$10,999	\$ 2,000

# Community College Institutional Allocation

## **Formula for determining individual community college allocation**

1. The total number of students at all community colleges who had a federal expected Family Contribution (EFC) between \$0 and \$7,999 in the prior year will be determined from data provided on the annual unit data report.
2. The percentage of eligible students for the current year will be determined from the percentage of eligible students each college had from the whole pool of eligible students from the prior year.
  - Example: Total allocation for the community college system: \$1,000,000
  - Total pool of eligible students from prior year = 10,000
  - College A has 5,000 eligible students from the prior year.
  - College B has 3,500 eligible students from the prior year.
  - College C has 1,500 eligible students from the prior year.
  - College A would receive \$500,000, or 50%.
  - College B would receive \$350,000, or 35%.
  - College C would receive \$150,000, or 15%

# 4-Year Institutional Allocation

## **Formula for determining individual 4-year institution allocations**

1. The total number of students at all 4-year institutions who had a federal Expected Family Contribution (EFC) between \$0 and \$10,999 in the prior year will be determined from data provided on the annual unit data report.
2. The percentage of eligible students for the current year will be determined from the percentage of eligible students each institution had from the whole pool of eligible students from the prior year.
  - Example: Total allocation for the 4 year institutions: \$1,000,000
  - Total pool of eligible students from prior year = 10,000
  - University A has 5,000 eligible students from the prior year.
  - University B has 3,500 eligible students from the prior year.
  - University C has 1,500 eligible students from the prior year.
  - University A would receive \$500,000, or 50%.
  - University B would receive \$350,000, or 35%.
  - University C would receive \$150,000, or 15%

# Student & College Benefits

## ❖ Student Benefits

- Provides for free tuition and fees for CT's neediest Community College students
- Allows for consistent treatment of student's and award amounts regardless of type of 2-year college a student attends
- Promotes persistence and completion by providing students the opportunity to receive more grant funding for exceptional academic performance
- Provides enhanced awards to students who excel in high school
- Students are guaranteed to receive the same award amount if they should transfer from one 4-year institution to the other, regardless if it is between a public and private institution

## ❖ College & University Benefits

- Allows individual institutions to receive their own allocation based on their student make-up
- Provides colleges the chance to receive additional funding by encouraging them to enroll more needy students
- Continues the ability of the college to select the students who will receive an award, within the established EFC range
- Provides a simplified allocation formula based on prior year institutional Connecticut student population

# Transition to Governor's Scholarship Program

## **Phasing-Out the Existing CICS and CAPCS Programs**

- All returning students (who were awarded a CICS or CAPCS Grant during the 2012-2013 academic year) will be re-awarded their CICS or CAPCS Grant provided they still maintain eligibility for the aid.
- The current CICS and CAPCS Programs will be phased-out through the 2015-2016 academic year.
- All first-year students, beginning with the 2013-2014 academic year, will receive grant aid from the Governor's Scholarship Program.

## **Phasing-Out the Existing Capitol Scholarship Program**

- All returning students, who were awarded a Capitol Scholarship during 2012-2013, will be re-awarded their CSP award provided they still maintain eligibility.
- The current Capitol Scholarship Program will be phased-out through the 2015-2016 academic year.
- All first-year students, beginning with the 2013-2014 academic year, will receive merit awards from the Governor's Scholarship Program.